GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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NAXAL AFFECTED STATES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received representations from the various State Governments to include more districts for grant of central assistance under Naxalite prone areas;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) the action taken by the Government thereon;

(d) whether the Union Government has issued any guidelines to the Chief Secretaries of Naxal hit States to ensure proper implementation of important strategic decision to tackle the naxal problem;

(e) if so, the details in this regard;

(f) the response of State Government thereto; and

(g) the measures being taken to counter the activities of naxal Groups?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a)to(c): After examination of the proposals received from the various naxalite affected States for inclusion of more districts under the Security Related Expenditure (SRE) Scheme, the Government has included 21 additional naxalite affected districts, namely, Guntur, Prakasam, Anantpur, Kurnool, Vizianagaram, Visakhapatnam, East Godavari and Srikakulam (Andhra Pradesh); East Champaran, West Champaran, Sitamarhi, Arwal, Nawada and Jamui (Bihar); East Singhbhum, West Singhbhum and Saraikela-Kharaswan (Jharkhand); Mandla (MP); Korea (Chhattisgarh); Sundargarh and Keonjhar (Orissa), under the Security Related Expenditure (SRE) Scheme w.e.f. 2004-05.

(d) to (f): The Chief Secretaries and DsGP of the naxalite affected States have been requested to adopt an integrated approach to address the naxalite problem simultaneously on security, development and public perception management fronts.

They have also been asked to accord a high priority to socio-economic development of the affected areas and draw a time-bound action plan based on the decisions of the various meetings held on the subject. The State Governments have initiated the follow up action in this regard.

(g): The Central Government has adopted a multi-pronged strategy to tackle the problem of naxalism which includes (a) having a peace dialogue by the affected States, wherever feasible, with naxal groups willing to abjure violence, (b) modernization and strengthening of the State Police forces, long term deployment of Para Military forces, intensified intelligence based well-coordinated anti-naxalite operations, (c) focused attention on integrated development of the affected areas and (d) removal of socio-cultural alienation of people, gearing up of public grievances redressal system and creation of Local Resistance Groups.